

December 20, 2016

Rachel Falkenstein, AICP Senior Planner Albemarle County Community Development

Re: North Pointe Preliminary Plat Variation request

Dear Rachel,

Thank you for your assistance in processing the North Pointe Middle and Northeast Residential subdivision preliminary plat. As staff is aware, during the environmental permitting phase of the project we were required to address comments from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ). In order to address these agencies concerns, the plan was required to show avoidance and minimization of impacts to jurisdictional wetlands and waters of the U.S.. This requirement from the Federal and State agencies have led to the need to request a variation from the original approved North Pointe zoning application plan for the locations of roads and layout. We do appreciate the numerous meetings that staff had with our firm and client in shaping the modified road and layout that is the subject of this variation request.

Variation Request: Roads and Layout

• A request to allow the road network and sequentially affected plan layout to vary from the North Pointe application plan as shown on the submitted North pointe Middle and Northeast Residential Subdivision Preliminary Plat.

Discussion: In order to address USACOE and VADEQ requirements for avoidance and minimization of impacts to jurisdictional features various road networks were required to shift in locations where their construction would not impact wetlands and/or waters of the U.S. This variation was precipitated by the submittal of the North Pointe Zoning Application plan to the USACOE and DEQ and the rejection of that permit application by those agencies for lack of avoidance to environmental features. Through various meetings with County staff and the USACOE/DEQ the road network and layout shown has obtained an environmental permit from the USACOE/DEQ for the impacts proposed. Approval of this variation allows the developer the ability to shift the road network to save environmental features while still maintaining the interconnectivity planned within the residential portions of the North Pointe community.

Respectfully Submitted, Brian C. Mitchell, P.E. Principal

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